

**Understanding Our Past: Exploring the Hidden History of Meldreth
Archaeological Test Pit Project, 2013**

Results from Test Pit 4, The British Queen, High Street

Pottery

A summary of the pottery finds from this pit is given in the table below. This test-pit produced mainly Victorian pottery. The two sherds of medieval material suggests that the site may have had a marginal use in the period 1100-1400, but it then appears to have been largely abandoned until the 18th–19th century.

Context	EMW		HED		SS		SMW		VIC		Date Range
	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	No	Wt	
1									2	15g	1800-1900
2					1	23g			17	142g	1650-1900
3									2	63g	1800-1900
4	1	6g							6	58g	1100-1900
5			1	2g			1	5g	14	96g	1200-1900
6									19	144g	1800-1900
7									10	127g	1800-1900
8									2	9g	1800-1900

For an explanation of the abbreviations shown above, together with more information on the types of pottery found, please see our [glossary](#) or the full [pottery report](#).

Bone

An analysis of the bones found in this pit is provided in the table below. The complete [bone report](#) is also available.

Taxon	Context				
	[2]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[8]
Cow	1	3	1	.	2
Sheep/ goat	.	.	1	.	.
Pig	.	.	1	1	.
Horse	.	.	.	.	1
Cat	.	1	.	.	.
Wood pigeon	.	.	.	.	.
Sub-total to species	1	4	3	1	3
Cattle-sized	.	1	2	1	1
Sheep-sized	.	2	1	1	1
Rodent-sized	.	.	.	.	.
Total	1	7	6	3	5

The abbreviation n.f.i. denotes that the specimen could not be further identified.

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Flint

Information on the flints found in this test pit is summarised in the table below. For additional information, please see the general [flint report](#).

Context	chip	irregular waste	primary flake	secondary flake	tertiary flake	blade	retouched flake	total worked	unworked burnt flint no.	unworked burnt flint weight (g)
8				1				1		

Other Finds

Context	Ceramic (excluding pottery)	Glass	Metal & metal-working	Stone	Other	Date range
C. 1	bricks x26 =252g	glass x2 =14g	metal scraps x44 =1505g	coal x11 =70g	oyster =3g, wood =?	
C. 2		glass Cinzano bottle =500g	metal x11 =110g	coal x2 =17g		
C. 3		{green glass x3, opalescent glass x3} =135g		coal x5 =73g, slate x2 =27g	{concrete tile x1, breeze block x1, tile x1, stone x1} =194g	
C. 4	tile x2 =153g	{broken base of wine glass, broken glass bottle, assorted modern glass} x22 =250g	{bottom of light bulb, nails x12, metal washer x1, bolts x2, aluminium pieces x2, iron frags x11} x30 =238g		plastic screw top =5g, wooden cork =5g, cement and breeze block x18 =482g	
C. 5	clay pipe stems x3 =5g	assorted glass x20 =82g		coal =3g, charcoal x1 =?, clinker x2 =10g	plastic =1g	
C. 6	tile x2 =10g	glass x14 =?g		coal x5 =25g		
C. 7	tile x3 =15g	glass =7g		slate =11g, clinker =3g		
C. 8	clay pipe stem =0.5g, tile x6 =409g	modern glass x2 =6g	{thick metal mails, battery terminal, metal rings x2} x20 =336g			

Further [finds reports and maps](#) are available elsewhere on the site.